

harmless men, women and children like that I would shoot out my pistol to my own king and before the entire world.

"I don't know how many people were killed last night, but if there were 50,000 slain it would not have changed the course of the war. Deaths and fires have no more effect on war in such a case than if they had been caused by lightning. The Germans might just as well have slain 50,000 men, women and children in Berlin, so far as affecting the allies was concerned."

Marconi was silent a moment. Then he stepped his desk with a resounding smack.

"Thank God, they can't kill with my invention," he said. "Zepplins, who have given his life to perfecting airships, is a sad figure in the field of science. The Kaiser, out of pity for him alone, sought to stop this senseless massacre—this dirty, dirty work, but I know the Kaiser, and I know he won't do it."

"Have you met the Kaiser?" I asked.

"Yes," replied Marconi. "Ten years ago I had dinner with him in Rome. It wound up in a semi-quarrel. I told him the Germans had stolen my invention and he got angry. I consider him a forceful man but egotistic. He never forgets for one second that he is Emperor of Germany."

Had May Have Been Near the Heart of London.

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—The Chicago Daily News this afternoon carried the following:

"The following cable despatch was received by the Daily News today from one of its correspondents in London:

"Daily News staff and officers safe."

"A second despatch from Mr. Noel said: 'All well.'"

"It is evident from these messages that the raid on the British capital by Zeppelin airships last night was effected in or near what is called the heart of London."

VILLA'S POWER TOTTERS AS MANY TOWNS FALL

Washington Hears Carranzistas Are Making Great Strides in Northern Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Gen. Villa's north Mexican supremacy is tottering, it was believed here today. State Department despatches said Carranzistas had taken Paredon, Alameda, Sabinal and Carreroen, giving them control of a railroad network and most of Coahuila. It was thought Villa might stand at Chihuahua, his capital.

News of Durango's capture by Carranzistas and Tepic by Villistas reached the State Department later today.

Gen. Carranza has completed his reply to the Pan-American peace plea, the State Department officials announced today. Consul Stillman wired that his note will arrive here before the week end. Another Pan-American conference will follow its arrival. It probably will be in Washington.

Unofficial reports indicate Carranza will decline to enter a joint conference of the Mexican factions.

Improvement of general conditions in the vicinity of San Luis Potosi and Aguascalientes are described in today's reports to the State Department. The Department of Justice is keeping close watch on Mexican newspapers published in American border towns. Officials say the printing of articles designed to incite rebellion against this country will be followed by prosecution in the courts.

MISSION, Tex., Sept. 8.—The United States troops took charge today of military operations against Mexican bandits in the territory surrounding the Rio Grande. The state rangers and civilian posse will clear the back country of all Mexicans under suspicion of being in the "Texas revolution" plot.

Scores of huts in which Mexicans on outlying ranches made their homes have been burned by peace officers and citizens in the last few days as a means of forcing undesirable Mexicans out of the country.

Villa Representative in Peace Conference Chosen.

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 9.—Gen. Felipe Angeles will be Villa's delegate to the peace conference proposed by the Pan-American conference, it is announced today by the Villa Government.

Villa has ordered all his Generals in the field to send him their written agreements to abide by any action the peace conference may take.

CUSACK IS INSTALLED AS BISHOP AT ALBANY

Cardinal Farley Presides at Ceremony, Assisted by Prominent Churchmen.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 9.—The Right Rev. Thomas F. Cusack, formerly Auxiliary Bishop of New York, was installed here today as the fifth Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Albany. He succeeds the Right Rev. Thomas M. A. Burke, deceased. Cardinal Farley, assisted by several hundred prominent prelates and priests, presided at the ceremonies of installation.

NAVAL ADVISORS CHOSEN.

Names of Members of Board Probably Out To-Morrow.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—All have one member of the new Navy Advisory Board have been selected. Secretary Daniels said to-day. His personnel probably will be announced to-morrow. All members except Thomas A. Edison were selected by leading scientific and engineering societies.

RUSSIAN VICTORIES ON CZAR'S FIRST DAY AS ARMY HEAD

12,500 Prisoners Taken in Series of Battles on Southern Front.

GRAND DUKE ON WAY.

Former Commander in Chief Starts for His New Post in Caucasus.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—A Reuter despatch from Petrograd says that Grand Duke Nicholas, who has been relieved from supreme command of the Russian land and sea forces, started for the Caucasus with his headquarters staff last evening. Emperor Nicholas went to the railroad station to say farewell to the new Viceroy.

On the first day of the Czar's personal command of his armies the Russian War Office reports one important victory in the south and notable successes near Grodno and other parts of the main eastern front.

Near Tarnopol the Russians have defeated the Third German Division and the Forty-eighth Reserve Division with an Austrian brigade, capturing 5,000 prisoners and thirty guns, besides a quick fire.

The official communication says: "From Grodno stubborn German attacks continue in the region of the railway station at Druskeniki and toward Skideli. In the latter direction, repulsing the enemy, we inflicted on him great losses and took some scores of prisoners."

"South of the Niemen the enemy delivered extremely stubborn attacks in the region of Wolkowysk on both sides of the railway leading to Stomil."

"In Galicia, near Tarnopol, yesterday we achieved a great success against the Germans."

"At the end of the engagement the enemy developed an artillery fire of most extraordinary intensity. Only the impossibility of replying with the same weight of metal prevented us from further developing the success we had obtained. The Germans, besides suffering enormous losses in killed and wounded, left prisoners in our hands more than 200 officers and 8,000 men. We captured thirty guns, fourteen of which were of heavy caliber, many machine guns, gun limbers and other booty."

"Further south in the region of Trembowla on the 7th we dislodged the enemy from a series of villages, making prisoners of over 40 officers and nearly 2,500 soldiers, together with three guns and a dozen machine guns."

"Between the Dniester and the left bank of the lower Sereth the Austrians passed to the offensive in the course of the 7th, in the region of the village of Voriatynze. By flank attacks one of our battalions arrested the enemy's offensive and took prisoners 11 officers and over 1,000 Austrians with machine guns."

"The fortunate withdrawal of our armies from the difficult position before the Vistula, where they were surrounded by the enemy, is beginning to make itself felt now by partial successes."

The Czar is expected to leave for the front within forty-eight hours. The Grand Duke Nicholas has left for the Caucasus, where he becomes viceroy. The Czar accompanied the Grand Duke to the station and bade him an affectionate farewell.

Only a few of the Grand Duke's most intimate friends were in the party at the station. The great mass of the public knew nothing of his departure. The man who was Russia's most intimate friend, a few weeks ago made his way silently out of the capital.

IN TREE TOP THREE DAYS

Four of Kansas Family Held Prisoners by Flood.

JOLA, Kan., Sept. 9.—The property lost in Allen county from the floods of this week will reach \$700,000, according to figures compiled here today. J. R. Hebbs and three members of his family, who had been in a tree top Monday, were rescued last night.

Mining Men Indicted for Disaster.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 9.—The attorney general of British Columbia has laid indictments for manslaughter against Thomas Graham and J. H. Tonkin, two mining men, prominent in Canada. They are charged with carelessness in connection with the disaster that caused the loss of nineteen lives in the reserve mine near Nanaimo on February 15.

Killed While at Work on the L.

Christopher Behrman of No. 830 Forty-second Street, Brooklyn, an employee of the Terry and Trench Construction Company was at work on the Third Avenue elevated structure at One Hundred and Eighty Street today when he was struck by a train and killed. The train continued on its way, the motorist apparently unaware that the train had struck the man.

SAILING TO-DAY.

Tiviva, Jamaica 12 M.
T. di Savoia, Naples 12 M.
Oscar II, Christiansand 2 P.M.
Cretia, Naples 3 P.M.
Panama, Colon 3 P.M.

SERVANTS SLEW MRS. NICHOLS; BOY CONFESSES PLOT TO ROB



Marble Home of Mrs. Nichols, Who Was Slain by Servants.

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him and tied him up and left him in the basement. Then they tied up the girl.

SAYS ROBBERS DID NOT INTEND TO KILL.

Talia said the men were not more than ten or fifteen minutes on their job of murder. They left the house hurriedly and without saying anything to him. Talia says that the men planned to overpower Mrs. Nichols and murder her was not in their minds. Some of the persons actively implicated were outsiders, who were let into the plot because Mrs. Nichols would not know them.

"The idea was to overpower Mrs. Nichols and tie her securely. Of course, when discovery came, she would attest that she was attacked by strange robbers and the servants would tell the story of being bound by strange men."

Inspector Cray, after interviewing the relatives and servants of Mrs. Nichols, sent out a general alarm today for the recovery of the stolen jewelry, together with a description of it. A detective was despatched to every pawnshop in the city with copies of this description and will remain on watch there throughout the day. The descriptions were telephoned as far north as Buffalo and south to Philadelphia. Men were put on guard at all railroad stations and all strangers in neighboring cities and towns are being put through a rigid examination. So far no arrests out of town have been made.

The description of the stolen jewelry follows:

One emerald ring, two carats, with a diamond on each side, or possibly one emerald, and one ring with three diamonds of two carats each.

One lady's open face gold watch, the case of a twenty-five cent piece, case inlaid with diamonds.

One plain gold wedding ring with the initials "E. J. N." or "L. G."

The Inspector said he had tried to get into communication with Cyril F. Peck of No. 353 Fifth Avenue, Mrs. Nichols's jeweler, but learned he is out of town. Mr. Peck, it is believed, will be able to furnish a better description of the jewelry.

NO MARKS OF STRANGULATION ON THE BODY.

Coroner Riordan has ordered that an autopsy be held to determine the cause of her death. There are no marks on her throat and nothing to indicate that she died of strangulation. Heart failure is more plainly indicated. Heart failure is more plainly indicated. Heart failure is more plainly indicated.

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The autopsy was to have been performed at noon or thereabouts by a physician, Benjamin Schwartz, at William J. Minor's undertaking rooms, No. 405 Fourth Avenue. Mr. Minor was notified this morning by a member of the District Attorney's staff that Dr. Schwartz should not be allowed to perform the autopsy. Dr. Otto Schultz, attached to the District Attorney's office would officiate. Dr. Schultz is on his way to New York from Delaware Water Gap, Pa., where he was spending a vacation and will not reach the city until this evening.

Even though Mrs. Nichols died of fright or heart disease the charge of

"Arthur," walked over to Central Park. The third, she declared, followed her until she entered a moving picture show. The police think he might have been sent to make sure she was out of the way.

WIDOW LEFT ALONE WITH MAID AND HOUSE BOY.

The butler left soon after the cook, leaving Mrs. Nichols alone with the maid and house boy. She was in her room on the third floor. The house boy, soon after the cook left, went outside the basement door a time or two, the maid afterward told the police, but she did not know for what purpose.

Edith, the maid, said she was lying in the butler's room when the men burst in, overpowered her and left her bound and gagged. The men then went upstairs and the maid thinks she fainted. She apparently could not remember what time all this occurred, but it was after 11 o'clock, she succeeded in getting free from the ropes with which she was bound, and went upstairs to see about her mistress.

Mrs. Nichols may have heard the burglars and started to investigate. She had passed from her bedroom through the bathroom into the library, apparently, when attacked. The overturned furniture, broken bric-a-brac and the condition of her clothing and hair indicate there was a struggle. Her hair combs had been broken, as were the lenses in her eye-glasses. Part of a lens was found fifteen feet away from where her body lay on the floor.

The maid called up Police Headquarters and Policeman Brown was sent from the East Sixty-seventh Street Station, and Mrs. Delahunt and Kent from Flower Hospital. They found a dolly had been tied about Mrs. Nichols's throat and mouth and that her hands had been bound with a table cover. The body was quite cold, from which the doctors deduced she had been dead at least an hour.

FINGER PRINTS MAY BE CLUES TO SLAYERS.

One puzzling feature of the case was that there was nothing to indicate how the murderers left the house. They did not molest anything, apparently, after robbing Mrs. Nichols of her jewels. There was \$75 cash in a drawer near at hand, but evidently no search was made for anything.

Within a short time after Mrs. Nichols's murder had become known Inspector Faurot, Inspector Cray, Deputy Commissioner Lord, Coroner Riordan, Assistant District Attorney and Coroner's physicians were at the house, and later fully fifty detectives and several police photographers were on hand. Flashlight pictures were taken of the inside and outside of the house, and finger print expert got all the impressions they could find. Police automobiles came and went, and it was necessary to keep the streets clear.

Visits were made to a pool room and other places where the house boy said some of the men sought refuge. The men sought were not at any of them.

The Nichols home is in the heart of a wealthy, fashionable section of New York City. It is the home of Isaac Dudley Fletcher; on the other that of William Frederick.

Across the street at No. 1 is the home of Mrs. Isaac B. B. and other residents of the block include Mrs. Virginia Danziger, Mrs. Charles Walton Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. A. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Delfield.

Mrs. Nichols's late husband, James E. Nichols, came to New York in 1865, having been born in Meredith, N. H., in 1845. For many years he was a representative here of the F. A. & J. Sawyer and Franklin Woolen Mills of New Hampshire. In 1878 he organized the firm of Austin, Nichols & Co., which succeeded Fitts & Austin. In 1899 he retired as senior partner.

Mr. Nichols was married in 1878 to Sarah J. Griggs, daughter of Joseph G. Griggs of Springfield, Mass., in 1878. Mrs. Nichols inherited from her estate the income of \$10,000 a year, the real estate and the house in East Seventy-ninth Street, which is filled with trophies of her husband's hunting parties. Mrs. Nichols was a devoted wife and mother. Her only child, John R. B. Griggs of Hartford, Conn.; Maitland F. Griggs of Andover and several New Hampshire institutions.

ROBBERS THOUGHT THEY COULD GET \$500,000.

Early reports of the robbery indicated that the thieves had stolen \$500,000 worth of jewelry. Maitland F. Griggs, Mrs. Nichols's nephew and lawyer, after an examination of the premises, said he was convinced that all the robbers got was what they took from the old lady's person. She often wore magnificent jewelry and it was this that excited the cupidity of the plotters.

Inspector Faurot is confident that he will round up the suspects without delay. They were without funds when they committed the crime and the only way they can raise money is to sell or pawn some or all of the loot.

Seldom has the city undergone such a raking as was in progress early this morning for the murderers. The crime, occurring in a fashionable section, two doors from Fifth Avenue and alive with special watchmen employed to guard the homes of the rich, stirred the entire police department.

Detectives were at every ferry terminal, railroad station and bridge to cut off the escape of the murderers. Hotels of all classes were visited and houses where the men might have sought temporary refuge were searched. There was great excitement in the vicinity of the Nichols home, although all the other houses on the block are boarded up. Great crowds flocked to the scene from many sections.

FIRST SUMMER MRS. NICHOLS SPENT IN CITY.

This is the first summer Mrs. Nichols did not close her home and remain away during the vacation season. She lived alone and kept four servants: Edith Langfield, maid; Heona Tolvenen, cook; Ernest Vital, butler, and Onnie Talas, house boy. Owing to the absence of other families from the neighborhood, a more favorable time for the robbery could not have been selected.

Last night the cook and butler were off and left the house about 7 o'clock. The cook, as afterward related to the police, noticed when she left the five-story marble house by the basement door, three men outside. One of them, she said, accosted her and invited her to take a walk. She said he was "Arthur," a former employee, discharged five months ago. Recently he had been having a hard time, was without work and borrowed \$11 from her. The two men with him, she said, were persons she had seen visit him while he stayed at the house.

She declined to take a walk and says two of the men, one of them

CROWN PRINCE MAKES BIG GAINS, GERMANS CLAIM

Official Report Says French Positions on Mile and a Quarter Front Were Taken.

PARIS REPORTS BATTLE.

Says Germans Kept Up Incessant Artillery Fire for 48 Hours.

BERLIN, (via London), Sept. 8.—An important victory in the Argonne was announced today by the war office. French positions over a front of two kilometers (1 1/4 miles) and 200 to 500 yards deep were captured.

"In the Argonne, northwest of Verdun, Le Chateau," says the official statement, "Wurttemberg and Lorraine regiments began yesterday an attack which was supported effectively by artillery. The infantry charged and took possession of positions of the enemy at several points of support, over a front of more than two kilometers and from 200 to 500 metres deep. Among the works taken was one often mentioned by the French."

"At Marie Therese we captured 38 officers, 1,599 men, 48 machine-guns, 64 mine-throwers and one cannon."

PARIS, Sept. 8.—The Germans have been attacking without any cessation for twenty-four hours in the Argonne. Whether this presages another attempt by the Crown Prince to reach the Verdun-St. Meusechou railway cannot yet be determined. The advanced German trenches in the Western Argonne are within eight miles of his line, whose capture would cut Verdun off from the west.

This afternoon's official communiqué said the German attacks were particularly violent near Fontaine aux Charnes. It was officially admitted that the Germans carried some French trenches but on the principal front the French maintained their positions.

Fierce fighting is occurring north of Argonne and in Lorraine. Near the French line the French have captured both prisoners and machine guns. Advanced post combats have occurred at other points in the Lorraine-Argonne region.

Around Arras, particularly near Neuville and Roelincourt, both sides have made trench attacks with bombs and rifle fire. Fierce cannonading is reported at several points along the northern front and also in the Argonne.

ALLIES READY FOR NEW DRIVE AT DARDANELLES

Large Force Concentrates for Attack on Both Land and Sea.

SOPIA, Bulgaria, Sept. 7 (Via Berlin and Wireless Telegraphy to Tuckerton, N. J., Sept. 9).—According to information received from reliable sources, the allies are now concentrating large forces, including heavy landing artillery, for a new general attack on the Dardanelles.

The presence of mine sweepers at Seddul-Bahr, near the entrance to the Straits, is regarded as foreshadowing increased activity, including a vigorous bombardment of the outer Dardanelles forts.

BODY FOUND IN BAY MAY BE MISSING GIRL

Signet Ring on Finger Like One Worn by Miss La Forge.

The body of a young woman was found floating in Jamaica Bay, off the Howard Estates Casino, today. She was about 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighed about 140 pounds and seemed about twenty-three years old.

The body was clothed in a black waist and skirt, black stockings and pumps. She wore a signet ring on the middle finger of the left hand with the initials "C. L." upon it.

The police think that the body may be that of Irene La Forge, the pretty young bank clerk who left her home at No. 268 West Fifth Street on last Friday to visit her mother on Staten Island and never reached her mother. Miss La Forge's description tallies very closely with that of the body washed up on the shore.

She wore a signet ring inscribed "C. L." The mother of the missing girl has been notified.

HOLYOKE CAR STRIKE OFF.

HOLYOKE, Mass., Sept. 9.—The Holyoke Street Railway Company and the striking trolley men have reached an agreement by which the men will return to work to-morrow morning.

The differences concerned the length of time which the contract as to hours and wages was to run. The men wished the contract to expire at the end of a year and the company wished it to run for five years. By the agreement reached to-day the men recede and submit the term of the contract to a special board of arbitration.

LOST, FOUND AND REWARDS.

LOST—Boston bull terrier named Jack. Wednesday night, between 4 and 6, from 200 W. 54th St., color brindle, white skirt fruit, white front paw; liberal reward; no questions.

SALUTE HIS HIGHNESS, ADMIRAL OF THE AIR.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—Owing to the rapid expansion of the Royal Naval Air Service, both with respect to personnel and material, the Admiralty has decided to place under the direction of a flag officer with the title of Director of the Air Service.

Rear Admiral C. L. Vaughan-Lee has been selected for this appointment. Commander M. F. Butler, the present Director of the Air Service, will be in charge of the material side of the naval aeronautical work, with the title of Superintendent of Aircraft Construction.

ALLIES ARE READY, TROOPS AND GUNS, FOR GREAT DRIVE

British Hold a More Extended Line and There Are Adequate Reserves.

By William Philip Simms.

PARIS, Sept. 9 (United Press).—The allies are now abundantly supplied with war munitions, not to mention the stream of shells pouring to the front each day. They have adequate reserves. These things, with the continued great activity of the Anglo-French artillery, convince Paris that something is about to happen on the western front.

My observations on a recent tour of the battle front leads to the conviction that the allies are ready for any event, whether offensive or defensive. If the sudden display of activity in the Argonne, reported last night, means a real German drive southward to isolate Verdun Fortress then the Crown Prince is due for a surprise.

Though I have frequently visited the front since the beginning of the war I can truthfully say that an almost startling change seems to have been wrought during the last ninety days, more than during all the other winter months together.

Everything is in a state of preparedness. Everywhere I saw the finishing touches being administered to the latest perfection of a war machine which seemed only awaiting the touching of a button to take on motion.

Considerable significance is attached to recent events in the world war, including the fact that the Czar has assumed supreme command of the Russian army and navy. Gen. Joffre's visit to Italy, following on Lord Kitchener's visit to France, King Albert's visit to Joffre and other visits between commanding officers. All these things, together with official admissions that the British now hold a more extended line on the western front, enhance the impression that the Allies plan concerted action in a new offensive.

BELL JURY LOCKED UP.

All Day Consumed in Getting Eleven Candidates for It.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 9.—Eleven of the twelve men in custody here because of alleged election conspiracy, had been tentatively passed by the State when objections were made against the twelve and Judge W. H. Eichhorn announced he would make his ruling to-day.

The tentative jury was locked up last night and will be in charge of balliffs continually until the case is ended. Mayor Bell took an active part in the examination of the veniremen by the defense.

Close Call for Cigarettes.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Sept. 9.—A bill for cigarette money stolen in Alabama was defeated in the Senate yesterday, 22 to 16, President Bulger casting the deciding ballot.

Wife's Body Found in Canal.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 9.—The body of a young woman found in the canal to-day was identified by Byron Andros of No. 323 Andrews Street as that of his wife, Ellen Frances Andros, twenty-eight. Andros said she parted from his wife a week ago.

SIX KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Connecticut Man Loses Life in Toronto Plant.

ANSONIA, Conn., Sept. 9.—A message from Toronto, Canada, says that in an explosion at the Brown Copper and Brass Mill there six men were killed, one before John Ayrault of this city, who was the superintendent.

Loft

EVERY DAY WHEN THE SUN SHINES He distributes his golden rays through the thousands of Big Crystal Windows of our Mammoth Daylight Candy Factory. There isn't a nook or corner in this Big Sweet Making Organization which bears a "No Admittance" sign to the glorious sunlight. Machinery, Kettles, Utensils and all other paraphernalia used in the making of LOFT CANDY is polished and scintillates with the brightness rivaling only the noonday sun. Sunshine is something that a candy manufacturer rarely speaks of as an ingredient of his product, but LOFT CANDY is absolutely different, and this is one of the many reasons why it is DIFFERENT.

Special for Thursday

ASSORTED COGNAC BON BONS —The heart of this sweet is the choicest brandy, blended with sugar cream and flavored with vanilla. It is a delicious treat for all ages. 10c

Special for Friday

CHOCOLATE COVERED BON BONS —These are hardly a LOFT candy. They are made of the finest chocolate, covered with a thin layer of chocolate. 10c

Friday Extra Special

CHOCOLATE COVERED BON BONS —The most carefully selected, choicest malted chocolate, covered with a thin layer of chocolate. 19c

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